

Child Care Center Could Be Part of New Senior Housing

By Gerry L. Galvan

A local day care center has become a pet project of the Mayor's Office, which is reportedly pushing very hard to get a portion of property the City had allocated in 1996 to John King Senior Housing (JKSH) for more than 90 new units of senior housing.

Adjacent to Visitacion Valley Middle School, the five acre site currently houses Dr. Betty Hartman's *Early Years Academy*, a private business enterprise with a limited lease set to expire at the end of 1999.

The JKSH board of directors, Shortly after ownership and title to the property at 500 Raymond Ave. had been transferred to the project by a Board of Supervisors vote, the JKSH board of directors wanted to evict *Early Years*.

Somewhere along lines of three collaborating construction and development partners, John King Senior Center, Mercy Charities Housing (MCH) and the Housing Conservation and Development Corporation (HCDC) have seemingly agreed to allow *Early Years* to continue operation within the five acre property.

An architectural drawing presented to the JKSH administrative board on June 11 shows a child center as a definite entity in the new construction once the current building is demolished.

It may be noted here that the JKSH issue has been assiduously followed by *Grapevine* which attended some of JKSH administrative board meetings, and to participated in the regular policy-making board meeting.

But during a JKSH administrative board meeting July 9, your reporter tried to ask the question of whether or not the group--namely John King,



Plans call for the building housing *Early Years Academy*, located at 500 Raymond Avenue, to be demolished to make room for a senior housing complex.

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Dara Kuvel, Meca Kang, Kenneth Collins and La Vergne Keppard--was in favor of a child care center within the property.

At this juncture, MCH housing developer Dara Kovel, who since the beginning has presided over most meetings, stopped your reporter and served notice that newspapermen and other news representatives should never come to JKSH administrative board meetings. "These are private discussions which the public has no business getting involved in," she angrily said.

As a journalistic code of resourcefulness and fair play, the *Grapevine* made several attempts to talk to Hartman. At least four telephone calls were made to the *Early Years* answering machine. After the fourth attempt, Hartman called and left word that should I "be persistent in calling"

their telephone number, I might be able to talk to her.

I made a fifth attempt. Their recording machine was off. I made a sixth and seventh. Still the machine was off. On July 23, I went up to the building and made my presence known by hollering, "Hello! Hello! Anybody home?"

A woman identifying herself as Mrs. Carino emerged from her classroom, and she and I talked, after which I left my calling card and home phone number. But up to this writing, I haven't made meaningful contact with anyone at *Early Years Academy*.

A phone call to City Hall to confirm direct involvement of the Mayor's Office with the Raymond Avenue project found two receptionists polite in talking to me, but providing little information.

Visitacion Valley Merchants Can Get Loans from City to Increase Business

With its Environmental Review application for a proposed Recycling and Solid Waste System Plan project at the facility on Tunnel Avenue officially withdrawn June 25, Norcal is now turning its attention to Pier 80 to satisfy expansion needs.

The City's garbage company has been granted an option awaiting approval by the Port of San Francisco to put a \$32 million recycling center on 12 acres at the pier near Islais Creek with up to 80 percent of Norcal's recycling operations taking place there.

Plans call for the new facility to share *Shed A* with a proposed Home Depot, a heavy-duty hardware store, but opposition by nearby merchants may see the *recycling program* taking over the entire building.

Neighbors of the Norcal facility on

Tunnel Avenue, especially those residents bordering the plant's property in Little Hollywood, have been angered with day-to-day operations of the garbage company right behind their homes.

A Local Assessment Committee formed to assess the possible expansion of the Tunnel Avenue site was disbanded in May, 1996. Subsequent meetings of a group called the *Forum*, with a facilitator proved ineffective when most local residents refused to participate.

Residents of both Little Hollywood and Visitacion Valley also took part in several volatile meetings, loudly voicing their concerns of the waste plant's negative aspects. Virtually all said they resented having a large garbage complex so close to their neighborhoods.

Norcal Considers Waste Plant Relocation

Members of Visitacion Valley's business community met with a City representative July 12 in an initial meeting to discuss improvements to the neighborhood's main business thoroughfare.

With more than a dozen business spaces currently vacant along Leland Avenue and Bayshore Boulevard, the Mayor's Office of Community Development (MOCD) expressed interest in maintaining the Visitacion Valley Merchant's Association while offering both prospective and established local businesspeople loans through the *Business and Economic Development Loan Fund*.

Loan applicants must be for-profit concerns that are located, or locating in San Francisco; are not able to secure all, or a portion of the project financing from established lending institutions; and have an average credit history or demonstrated commitment to pay debt. Applicants must be located in or provide products or services to a low and moderate income neighborhood.

Because funds originate from the

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, HUD requires a job-to-loan ratio of one full-time position for every \$35,000 in loan support. Interest is calculated at one percent over the prime rate.

One local merchant described the Valley's need of clothing, hardware and variety stores, and suggested the successful attraction of a mid-sized chain to the area might act as a magnet to draw other businesses. Tree planting was also discussed as a method for beautifying the Valley's business area. A cluster of five storefronts are currently vacant on the south side of Leland Avenue between Bayshore and Desmond Street. Three adjoining stores are also vacant on Bayshore near Visitacion Avenue.

All loan applications must be sponsored by a City-funded economic development organization. For more information, call the *Community Outreach and Pre-Enterprise* (COPE) project at 775-8880. For general questions and loan referral, contact MOCD at 252-3100.

Friends of Visitacion Valley Parks Plan Rally and Picnic For Local Gardens

Continuing with plans for an organic community farm run by and for the people of Visitacion Valley, *Friends of Visitacion Valley Parks* and the *San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners* (SLUG) will hold a rally and picnic on Saturday, August 30 starting 11 a.m. at the SLUG Community Garden on Arleta Avenue, near Rutland Street.

Friends members are optimistic about several plots of unused land throughout the Valley that could be used as community gardens by local residents.

These plots include several Reis Tracts currently owned by the San Francisco Water Department and are adjacent both east and west to Rutland Street between Leland and Tioga Avenues.

At a regular *Friends* meeting Aug. 2 at the Visitacion Valley Community Center, those in attendance also discussed plans for a greenbelt with paths and picnic tables linking Tioga Street to Leland Avenue, a revitalized minipark, expanded recreation areas, and a 4H program for neighborhood youth.

Petition Circulating To Save Coffman's Swim Instructor

More than 75 signatures have been gathered on a local petition in support of Bart Ribotta, popular senior swimming instructor at Coffman Pool, to keep him from being replaced.

Attendance at the public pool at Visitacion Avenue and Hahn Street has increased by 4,000 in one year alone during Ribotta's tenure. Several residents agreed the proposed move would shake the neighborhood's confidence in Rec and Park. One person, when told of the news, responded, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it!"

Local Petition Will Determine How Towers are Demolished

Survey Will End Before August 23

With Geneva Towers now slated for demolition in less than a year, Visitacion Valley residents are currently circulating petitions asking their preference of either a wrecking ball or implosion to bring down the twin 20-story highrises. Neighbors have until Aug. 23 to make a decision, after which necessary permits will be acquired.

Armed with a large aerial photograph of Visitacion Valley used to illustrate various perimeters and identify residents' homes, representatives from both Aman Environmental Construction, Inc. and Controlled Demolition Incorporated (CDI) spoke July 15 at the second *Steering Committee Meeting* handling community outreach for Geneva Towers.

Both Rich Riggs, operations manager with Aman (See *Implosion* questions and answers on page 4) and James

Santoro, project manager with CDI detailed the various phases of preparation before a building is readied for implosion. Riggs described a *wrecking ball* as a demolition method of the past, a tedious undertaking with a crane repeatedly hurling a large ball at a target and trying to hit a specific spot repeatedly to make it collapse. He explained that demolishing both towers in this fashion could take as long as eight to 10 months, as compared to the one morning required to implode both buildings.

Santoro attributed his company's impressive longevity and success rate in imploding buildings worldwide to detailed preparation and covering all aspects of safety (See story below). He explained how a building is prepared for demolition: first by stripping its interior and severing areas that might cause resistance, before strategically planting explosives at the correct struc-

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Implosion Contractor Answers Questions Concerning Dust, Noise and Vibrations

Answered by Controlled Demolition, Inc.

Q: How long will an implosion take? Will we feel it?

A: The actual implosion will last less than 15 seconds. The Loizeaux Family and Controlled Demolition, Inc. (CDI) will have placed literally thousands of very small demolition charges (usually weighing a few ounces each) at critical locations in the structural framework of each of the two high-rise buildings. Those charges will be detonated over a 6 to 7 seconds interval, and it will take another 6 to 7 seconds for the building to fall in a completely controlled fashion.

As to "feeling it," it's amazing how sensitive the human body is! Whether or not you feel it will be a function of where you are at the time of implosion. During the implosion, at least three (3) of your senses are stimulated:

1. Vision: watching the structure crumble and fall to the earth.
2. Hearing: hearing the detonation of the charges.

3. Touch: feeling the air pressure generated by the detonation of charges.

If you are in an area just outside the security perimeter, there is a chance you will be aware of air-blast (noise) generated as the charges are detonated. This is a *pulse-like* sensation you may feel in your chest, much like standing next to a loudspeaker or underneath a heavy thunderstorm. The *vibration*

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Valley Library Planning Events

Visitacion Valley Library is currently planning two family-oriented events to be held on a Sunday.

One program would involve a Chinese Dance Ensemble in a late summer open house program with refreshments and finger food.

The branch library, located at 45 Leland Ave., is also considering a return visit by a performer who drew an audience of more than 100 on a previous visit.

A Letter from HUD Regional Director Art Agnos to Visitacion Valley

July 9, 1997

Dear Residents of Visitacion Valley:

Geneva Towers will soon come down to make way for new homes. But first we must decide how Geneva Towers will be demolished. That is the question that you as residents of Visitacion Valley can help us answer in the next six weeks.

Just as many of you helped in the decision a few years ago to tear down the towers and build better housing in the neighborhood, your ideas are needed once again for deciding on the method to be used for demolishing the towers.

There are two demolition choices: 1) the wrecking ball method, and 2) the implosion method.

The more traditional wrecking ball method would use a large ball swinging from a crane hitting the sides of the buildings over an eight month period. An implosion is a carefully calculated destruction of the building causing it to explode inward and collapse downward within a few seconds.

In order to inform you of the advantages and disadvantages of these two methods and hear your opinion, I have requested the participation of many key leaders from the Visitacion Valley community to make sure that the community is as fully informed as possible and participates in the decision. They will be the Visitacion Valley Community Outreach Steering Committee. They will assist HUD in getting information out to you.

We will conduct community presentations, distribute multi-language literature describing demolition methods and impact. This will increase your understanding of the process and provide you with a way to let HUD know your preference for a demolition method. We need to know the community's preference by the end of August so that necessary building permits can be acquired.

I hope you will fully participate in this exciting next step in our efforts to improve Visitacion Valley.

Sincerely,

Art Agnos, Secretary's Representative

Grapevine Mailbox



A Retraction on King Housing

Editor:

The July 1997 *Grapevine* made some statements that should be retracted.

At the June 11, 1997 Administrative meeting at the John W. King Senior Center, the team met to discuss the future plans for the Senior Housing to be constructed on Raymond Street.

There were concerns how the housing should be erected. All ideas were discussed, some were agreed upon and some were not. We kicked it around until we all came to a happy medium. There was no discord among the sponsors in coming to that conclusion.

The report that was written in the *Grapevine* was misleading and was misunderstood. We regret that this happened.

We, sponsors, all want the same thing for the seniors. The Senior housing and the Senior Center must be comfortable, accessible and available to the neighborhood as well as to the seniors who will live there.

John W. King

Proposed New Site For Waste Plant

Following is a letter presented July 26 to members of the Visitation Valley Task Force updating the garbage/trash, public disposal, hazardous waste and recycling facilities at the Norcal complex on Tunnel Avenue.

Dear Task Force Members:

The three main items are: (1) Norcal/Sanitary Fill Company (Westcoast Recycling) has submitted a construction and land use plan to the San Francisco Planning Department to relocate the recycling operations from 401 Tunnel Avenue and 350 Rhode Island Street to Shed A on Pier 80 at Third Street and Cesar Chavez Boulevard; (2) Sanitary Fill Company has withdrawn the Draft Environmental Report (DEIR) that was published in February 1995 for the major expansion project at the Tunnel/Beatty site. The DEIR was withdrawn before it had been certified by the Planning Commission as to being complete and accurate. (3) The City (Hazardous Waste Management) and Sanitary Fill Company have submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval a three year contractual agreement to operate the hazardous waste facility at 501 Tunnel Avenue.

The Little Hollywood Committee will continue to petition, request and promote the relocation of these heavy industrial operations. Our goal is to establish a large physical distance between this type of industry and a residential neighborhood. The Tunnel/Beatty site handles more than one million tons of material per year. The federal lands that are being transferred to City control will greatly increase this amount.

These types of industries are necessary and convenient services that are beneficial to urban life. Our opposition is based on the lack of land for any expansion and for the adverse environmental impacts that are imposed on a residential neighborhood that is located directly adjacent to these types of facilities.

Long and short term physical and mental health effects that could develop are unknown. There is also the possibility of genetic or adverse health effects during pregnancy.

The 300 tests that were studied by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency concerning air borne particu-

late clearly demonstrates that even non-toxic dust causes 67,000 deaths in the U.S. every year. A low to medium income and mainly minority community does not need the additional burden of preventable health problems.

The Little Hollywood Committee and community are asking Visitation Valley, Bayview/Hunters Point, Brisbane, and Daly City to support our efforts for relocation of these operations. These operations must be relocated to the largest M-2 heavy industrial district in the City, the Central Basin/Southern Waterfront area. This is the industrial heart of San Francisco and it has become a wasteland of massive warehouses and abandoned buildings. A simple tour of the area east of Third Street at 20th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th Streets will clearly demonstrate the blight and deterioration of area that produced billions of dollars to the blue collar worker. Hundreds of acres of land go unused while we are told there are no jobs.

Relocation of the garbage industries will be profitable and beneficial to everyone. The prestige of the City is diminished by the effects of the environmental racism and the lack of environmental equity. State law requires cities to provide areas for expansion of solid waste management without causing adverse environmental impacts on established communities. The possible entanglement of class action litigation and worst case scenario of federal involvement and the withholding of federal funds is not a pretty picture.

The existing facilities are too old and too small to achieve the 50 percent reduction of the waste stream being dumped into landfills. A budget of \$68 million was established to rebuild the facilities at the Tunnel/Beatty site and it was suggested that the residential and apartment building rate payers would pay for this construction. There would be intense opposition to the garbage rate increases to fund a major construction project on private property.

The rate payers might be persuaded to help fund the new facilities because the need for new facilities is very clear. Some inducements could be: the new facilities would be built on City property and would belong to the City; there is a consolidation of all the garbage companies management to reduce garbage rate increases and operational costs; the Redevelopment Agency will give substantial tax increment funds for construction and infrastructure; and California Integrated Solid Waste Management could arrange some type of grants.

At a new location, facilities could be built without endangering the existing employees and the construction workers would not have to worry about garbage trucks and other large vehicles. The garbage companies would lease the new site from the City at a very reasonable rate. The Tunnel/Beatty site could then be leased, sold, purchased by the City, or developed for business or light industry that has a lot less adverse environmental effects and be more compatible to future commercial development in the Valley.

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Thank you for your time,
Ralph Oroquita

Grapevine Can Now Be Accessed Monthly On the Internet

Beginning with the July issue, readers of the *Visitation Valley Grapevine* have been able to access the local monthly on the Internet. Several links from the home page at: <http://home.earthlink.net/~visvalley> now provide readers with local news, letters, features and a generous portion of Visitation Valley history. New e-mail address for the *Grapevine* is: visvalley@earthlink.net

Recycling Program Holding Meetings

The S.F. Recycling Program offers volunteers opportunities to participate in waste prevention with the Recycling and Hazardous Waste Programs through monthly meetings held the first Wednesday of each month. Projects involve research, database development and environmental education.

Next meetings are Aug. 6 and Sept. 3 at 5:30 p.m., 1145 Market St., Suite 401 (between 7th and 8th Sts.) Call 554-3404 for more information.

Headline and Photo In July Grapevine Confuse GVDC With King Housing

A headline on the front page of the *Grapevine*'s July print edition accompanied by an incorrectly placed photo mistakenly listed the Geneva Valley Development Corporation (GVDC) as being involved with a meeting of John King Senior Housing (JKSH). The headline, which appears correctly in the *Grapevine*'s July Internet edition should have read JKSH rather than GVDC. The *Grapevine* apologizes for any confusion resulting from these errors.

Task Force Seeks Representation from Geneva Terrace

Visitation Valley Task Force needs two residents of Geneva Terrace to become members so there will be representation from the seven geographical areas of the Valley that are north of the San Francisco/San Mateo county line.

There are very important issues concerning your homes and neighborhood. Input from your community is necessary to voice your concerns. Resolutions to questions such as: How Geneva Towers should be demolished? Wrecking ball or by implosion? When will the demolition of the outer walls begin? Will there be jobs available to the community? Demolition jobs and/or construction jobs? Which streets will be used to haul away all the concrete and steel demolition debris? How long will this take and how many truck loads per day?

Every major construction project in the Valley will have some effect on every community in the Valley. All the communities of Visitation Valley must work together to be heard.

Visitation Valley Task Force meetings are held at the Visitation Valley Community Center, 50 Raymond Avenue at 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon on the fourth Saturday of the month, except for November and December when meetings are held the second Saturday of those months.

Light Rail Line on Bayshore Corridor To Help City's Southeast Communities

By Mayor Willie Brown

In 1988, more than 65 percent of the City's electorate voted in favor of a half-cent sales tax for one of San Francisco's most important--and most neglected--transportation goals, paving the way for a light rail transit system in the Bayshore Corridor. Nearly a decade later, the project has languished, and the City's southeastern corner has remained isolated. But all that's about to change.

San Francisco knew in 1988 what is so glaringly obvious today: We must bridge the gap, socially and economically, between the southeastern section of town and the rest of the City, and an efficient means of public transportation down Third Street is the way to do it.

The Third Street light rail line is the very bridge we need to connect the Bayshore Corridor and Mission Bay to the rest of San Francisco. Past studies have indicated that the Bayview-Hunters Point area will grow by an astounding 50 percent by the year 2000, and along with several promising development projects in the area, the need for healthy and accessible public transportation has never been more apparent.

Starting in the southernmost portion of the Bayshore area will be the 49ers' new stadium/mall complex. This cooperative effort between the City and the 49ers, set to open in 2001, will likely be the cornerstone for future development plans in the area that will necessitate a dependable transit system. The 49ers project is designed to create 1,500 construction jobs; 1,600 permanent mall jobs; and 750 part-time jobs. The 49ers have also pledged that a high percentage of these jobs will be reserved for residents of Bayview-Hunters Point, and that 1,000 former welfare recipients trained by the City will also be employed at the new complex.

These initiatives to improve the social and economic setting of this long-neglected area illustrate the need to safely deliver the Bayview's 280,000 residents to and from these newly created jobs. Clearly, the Third Street light rail line will offer a reliable means of transportation through the heart of the Bayview/Hunters Point district, and connect the southeastern section of town with the Financial District, Chinatown, and the rest of the public transportation network.

Moving farther north along Third Street is Mission Bay, another development project that will no doubt also bring employment and prosperity to the eastern part of the City. Clustered around Third Street will be the new University of California-San Francisco Medical Center and a housing development site at Mission Creek.

At Mission Creek, the Catellus Corp. and the City's nonprofit housing development corporations will build up to 3,000 housing units, 20 percent of which will be affordable housing. The UCSF Medical Center will build its

new 43-acre campus along Third Street, bringing in some 9,100 new employees; 940 of these positions will be entry level.

These low and middle income families that will take up residence in Mission Creek and the surrounding areas will be dependent upon the Third Street light rail line to travel south for employment in Bayview-Hunters point or north to reach employment downtown. The residents of San Francisco as a whole will also use this new transit system to get to games, go to the new mall-entertainment center, or frequent the many restaurants and businesses along Third Street that will benefit from the new influx of visitors.

In this way, CalTrain and Muni can coexist, since the Third Street light rail line will provide a much-needed intra-city transit line that meets the needs of the Bayshore/Mission Bay community, while CalTrain services Peninsula and other Bay Area commuters.

Along the farthest northern portion of these new development areas will be the Giants' new ballpark at China Basin. The beautifully designed baseball-only stadium--where sluggers will knock home runs over the right field wall into the Bay--will bring with it up to 350,000 feet of new entertainment and retail space. The Third Street light rail line will allow residents from the Bayshore Corridor and Mission Bay to travel north to China Basin to work at the stadium or simply enjoy a Giants baseball game and surrounding amenities.

Clearly, the Third Street light rail line will facilitate the integration of the Bayview-Hunters Point, Mission Bay, and China Basin communities with each other as well as with the rest of the City. It will reduce traffic congestion and allow people to easily make the transfer from automobile travel to public transportation. And it will rejuvenate the business climate of the Third Street corridor, allowing local merchants to prosper in concert with the new bustle of activity throughout the southeastern section of town.

The successful unification of these communities and their link to the rest of the City hinges upon a convenient and accessible transportation system. Transit service is crucial for employers, employees, and residents of these communities, as well as for the great numbers of visitors to the area. The City as a whole benefits when one neighborhood is lifted from the economic doldrums--in terms of new property and sales tax revenues, fewer jobless and destitute people on the public dole, greater public safety, and civic harmony.

We should therefore view these development projects as the impetus for a new face for this portion of the City, and the Third Street light rail line is the very road that will take us into this new San Francisco. It's time we bring the Bayview back into the City.

Visitation Valley Dental Office Albert Kuan, D.D.S.

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Don't Let Your Used Glass Go to Waste! Recycle It!

By David Assmann
S.F. Recycling Program

Glass manufacturing is one of the oldest of human industries. People have been making glass for more than 3,000 years. You would expect that since we've been making glass for so long, that we'd be surrounded by mountains of old glass. But fortunately, glass, made primarily from sand, soda ash and limestone, is one of the easiest materials to recycle. In fact, even the manufacture of new glass requires the use of some already used glass.

Glass recycling itself is a straightforward process. Used glass bottles and jars are mixed with raw materials and heated in a melting furnace up to 2800 degrees Fahrenheit. The molten glass is then shaped in a forming machine and turned into new glass products.

not only is glass easy to recycle, but it can be recycled indefinitely (that glass container you used this morning could have glass in it that was manufactured during the Gold Rush), and it is recycled right here in the Bay Area. We currently recycle about 27 million pounds of glass a year in San Francisco

-- 58 percent of the 46 million pounds of recyclable glass used in San Francisco. While this is higher than the national average, this still means we send more than 19 million pounds of glass to the landfill every year.

Glass makes up about 10 percent of the waste we generate (nationwide glass makes up about 6 percent of the waste stream). Glass production is declining as the result of increasing competition from plastic and aluminum containers.

Most glass is used for containers. Until the 1960s, most glass beverage containers were refillable. Milk used to be delivered in glass bottles and could be returned to be refilled and used up to 30 times or more. Today, less than 5 percent of glass containers are refillable.

A return to refillable bottles (which Sweden has done successfully) could save 90 percent of the raw materials used in the manufacture of glass bottles. It could also save energy. It takes almost 4,000 BTUs of energy to make one new 12-ounce beverage container, whereas a 12-ounce refillable container used 10 times would require less than 700 BTUs of energy.

However, since refillable glass containers are still hard to find, the next best thing is to recycle your glass container. By recycling glass containers, you can help reduce energy use for glass containers by up to 30 percent, reduce air pollution (recycled glass production produces less sulfur diox-

ide, carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxide) and help preserve valuable landfill space. You also reduce the amount of mining waste created. Three hundred eighty-four pounds of waste are created for every ton of glass produced -- 50 percent recycled glass reduces this waste by 75 percent.

All glass containers, including bottles and jars, are recyclable. For curbside collection, you can put the glass containers directly in your blue bin, or if you live in an apartment, you can deposit your glass containers in a paper bag and put them out on the curb Sunday nights at 8 p.m.). You do not need to remove the paper labels (these burn off in the glass furnace).

About 80 percent of glass containers remain intact during the recycling collection and sorting process. During the sorting process they are separated into three groups by color: green, clear and brown. The containers are then sold to glass manufacturers who grind the glass and size it down to be fired en masse, in a furnace.

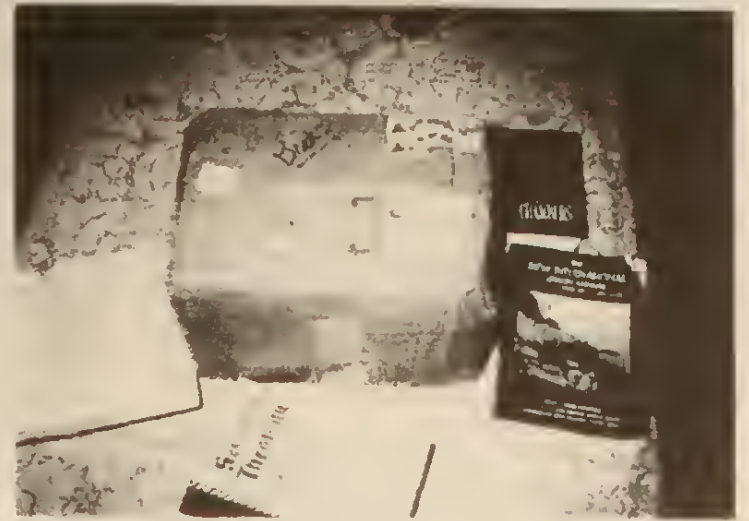
The 20 percent of glass that gets broken must be sold as mixed color residual pieces. These are sold to fiberglass companies in California where they are ground into a fine powder and used for fiberglass insulation.

The use of recycled content in glass containers and fiberglass is mandated by law in California. Glass containers must contain a minimum of 35 percent recycled content. Fiberglass must contain at least 30 percent recycled content.

Recycled glass makes sense. It saves resources and landfill space, reduces pollution, and helps provide jobs right here in the Bay Area.

And finally, if you've just finished repainting your house or apartment and don't know what to do with your leftover latex paint, there are now 10 locations in San Francisco that accept leftover latex paint. They include all three Cole Hardware locations, Brownie's Hardware, Building Resources, Papenhausen Hardware and Goodman Lumber. For more information, call the Hazardous Waste Hotline at 554-4333.

Online Search Finds Rare Books



About three weeks after initiating an online book search, a rare, eight-volume set of theological books made their way to Visitacion Valley.

-Gerry L. Galvan

By Gerry L. Galvan

Modern technology is truly wonderful. It brings immediate results unheard of centuries, decades, or several years ago. To cap it all, it costs considerably less than what one would normally pay for a similar job or product.

The Internet, of which I've had very little, if any expertise, is a case in point. For a small sum of money, one can go online and enjoy the benefits of an awesome network of information which is impossible to acquire through conventional methods of search and research. By punching the right key, one is offered the last detail the information one needs.

Should one be in dire need of a rare book? Use the Internet. How about transportation during one's trip to an isolated town in South Dakota? Avail of the wonders of the Internet. In need of a 1929 automobile axle? Internet is an answer. Going online can also search for a bride or bridegroom. The system is limitless in possibilities.

Your reporter was in need of the complete 8-volume set Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer's *Systematic Theology*. Attention was directed to Grapevine

office where an online search was initiated. Four days later, I got a call from a book search firm in Denver. Although truly expensive, my 8-volume set of Dr. Chafer's books were delivered to my doorstep less than three weeks after consummation of the business transaction.

GUEST SERMON

Geneva Valley Development Corporation (GVDC) prides itself in having L.P. Lewis for a board chairperson. Having gained the confidence and respect of fellow board members, and in recognition of his potential and fine character, St. James Presbyterian Church invited Lewis, a Th.D. candidate, to deliver a sanctuarial sermon on July 27 which he readily accepted.

McLAREN PARK FRIENDS

One of the most interesting non-profit organizations attracting attention from City Hall and the Governor's Office is *Friends of McLaren Park*. Led by its chairperson, Jo Coffey, the organization was established to research ways to improve San Francisco's second largest park, and meets monthly at various locations in the Valley.

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Child Safety Gets Big Boost Online

A new Kids Safe online area designed to help improve child safety has been established for the greater San Francisco area. Digital City Kids Safe provides local residents an array of information on child safety, from violence prevention to identifying local resources such as police departments and poison control centers. The cornerstone of this new area, created in partnership with Digital City parent American Online (AOL) and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) is a Kid Patrol program.

Kid Patrol will aid in the search for missing or abducted children by posting photos and information online similar to those seen on milk cartons nationwide. This will help quickly spread the word that a child is missing throughout the local online community on Digital City San Francisco (DCSF) and to AOL's more than 8 million members.

"This program is a wonderful example of how the online community can help create solutions for serious problems in the offline community, building on what we do best--sharing valuable information in a fast and far-reaching way," said Digital City President and CEO Paul DeBenedictis.

"Children's safety is a major concern in the San Francisco area," added Bill Gorman, general manager for DCSF. "This program will provide our community with a rapid response mechanism for information about missing or abducted children while they may still be in the area--helping to find them more quickly."

Following the report of a missing child to the National Center, Digital City will post information and a photo

of the child (if available) that will appear as consumers enter the Digital City Kids Safe area. AOL will post missing child alert icons throughout its 21 channels and information will also be spotlighted on AOL's Welcome screen.

The immediacy of the interactive medium creates a powerful opportunity to share information on a missing child within the first 36 hours after a disappearance--the most critical period in the recovery effort. Currently, it can take from just a few hours to several days to disseminate vital information on a missing child.

Former VVES Student Sets Sights on College, Career and Beyond

Having been valedictorian of her graduating class at Herbert Hoover Middle School, former Visitacion Valley Elementary School student Tiffany K. Ng attributes her academic success to hard study and strong motivation. Plenty of practice has also improved her public speaking skills.

"Being valedictorian was a great honor for me," said Tiffany, "and it made me realize that if one set's one's mind on a goal and works hard enough, one can achieve almost anything. Receiving such recognition has motivated me to work hard in high school as well. I'm sure there are many talented students who have graduated this year from Visitacion Valley who will go on to work hard and succeed in middle school and beyond."

Soon to attend Mercy High School, Tiffany aspires to become either an astronomer or astronaut, and is interested in the sciences of physics and astronomy, as well as enjoying music.

"I plan to work and study extra hard in high school and college," said Tiffany, "because these are the years that will largely determine how well I'll do for the rest of my life. Perhaps with enough hard work, I can become valedictorian of the class of the new millenium and maybe be in the newspaper again. Now there's something to plan for!"

How Implosion of Geneva Towers Would Affect the Valley

Following are questions asked July 3 by Ralph Oroquita of the Little Hollywood Committee about the possible implosion of Geneva Towers in 1998. Questions were answered by Rich Riggs, operations manager of Aman Environmental Construction, Inc.

Q: What would be the calculated dust pattern that will be generated? A dust cloud could rise several stories high as the building comes down. What is the height ratio to radius of the expected dust cloud?

A: Following implosion, dust will accumulate on the ground within 75 to 125 feet around the base of each structure. This can change depending on weather and wind conditions at the time of the demolition. This dust is comprised of heavy particulate and cannot remain airborne for a long period. A dust cloud comprised of finer particulate will rise up and away from the structures following the direction of the wind. Typically, this dust will rise above three-story structures by the time it has traveled 200 to 250 feet.

Q: Who will be responsible for cleanup and protection of rooftop skylights and air conditioners, the interior of homes, yards, streets, automobiles, gardens and ponds?

A: Due to the nature of the dust that comes from an implosion, those properties needing cleanup will fall within the first 150 feet of the base of the buildings. As long as there is cooperation from the community, there will be no dust to be cleaned on the interiors of structures, nor will it affect air conditioning units as long as they are off during the implosion. There may be properties very close to the site that would require additional protection from dust (typically 125 feet +/-). The Contractor, after talking to the property owners, would determine what is necessary and is responsible for protection. In addition, it is the Contractor who will be cleaning streets and sidewalks and clearing up noticeable dust accumulation from horizontal surfaces surrounding the site. We trust, and it has been our consistent experience, that everyone is anxious to co-

operate, and is fair and reasonable.

Q: What is the chemical composition of the concrete that will form the airborne dust? Additives such as asbestos and hardeners can cause serious health problems.

A: This will be a "clean building." Asbestos is currently being removed under separate contract. In simple terms, concrete is a composition of cement and sand.

Q: How large a cleanup crew will be used and how many man-hours will be allotted for community cleanup?

A: After implosion, power sweepers will vacuum dust from the surrounding streets. A labor crew of approximately 10 men will support the vacuum trucks. It is expected to take approximately 3 to 4 hours to completely clean the immediate surrounding area.

Q: Will the heavier particles have an effect on the sewer system if they are washed into the storm drains?

A: As previously noted, the dust is vacuumed into trucks and, therefore, does not enter storm drains. However, it is common practice to protect storm drains by enclosing them in filter fabric and straw bales for the implosion event.

Q: What will be the time schedule for the removal of the concrete and steel debris?

A: Working hours are 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Duration of offhaul for implosion is approximately 2 months, weather permitting. For wrecking ball method, the duration would be ongoing over 6 to 8 months.

Q: What is the estimated number of dump truck trips to haul all the demolition debris out of the building site? What street routes through Visitacion Valley will be used for the disposal traffic? Will the disposal traffic route go through the Little Hollywood community? Where will the demolition debris be disposed?

A: It will take approximately 5,000 dump truck trips to haul debris out of the building site. The recycle site is yet to be determined. However, the sites being contemplated are all accessed by the 101 Freeway. The truck route to the freeway would be Sunnydale to

Geneva to 101 North or 101 South. There are two recycle sites at the Candlestick exit from 101.

Q: What will the seismic shock waves that will be created as the building impacts the ground do to the utility services: gas, water, electrical and sewer lines? What is the seismic stability of the area surrounding Geneva Towers?

A: An implosion does not trigger a seismic event. There are air vibrations from the noise, but there would be insufficient sub-surface movement to get a reading on a Richter Scale.

Q: What is the age of the subterranean infrastructure in the surrounding area?

A: Infrastructure such as sewer lines will be video-surveyed before and after demolition. This is a requirement of the City of San Francisco.

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Recipe of the Month

BEEF STROGANOFF

1 tbsp. vegetable oil; 1 pound sirloin steak (boneless and sliced into thin strips); 8 ounces fresh mushrooms, sliced; 1/4 cup water; 2 tbsp. unbleached flour; 1 tsp. dry mustard; 1 tsp. salt; 1/4 tsp. pepper; 1 cup dairy sour cream; 2 cups hot cooked rice or noodles; 1 medium onion, sliced.

Stir oil and meat in 2 quart casserole until beef is coated. Cover and microwave on high until meat is no longer pink, 4 1/2 to 5 minutes. Remove meat from casserole; reserve meat and juices.

Add mushrooms and onion to meat juices. Cover and microwave until mushrooms are tender, 5 to 6 minutes.

Shake water and flour in tightly covered jar, stir into mushrooms. Sprinkle with dry mustard, salt and pepper. Microwave uncovered to boiling, 30 seconds. Boil until thickened, 1 minute.

Stir in reserved meat, then sour cream. Microwave uncovered until hot, about 1 minute. Serve over hot cooked rice or hot cooked noodles.

Crossword Solution

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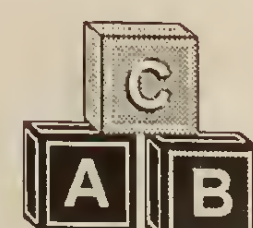

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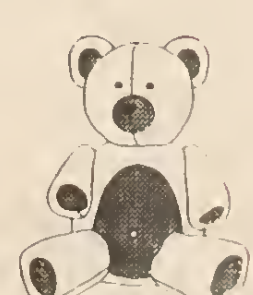
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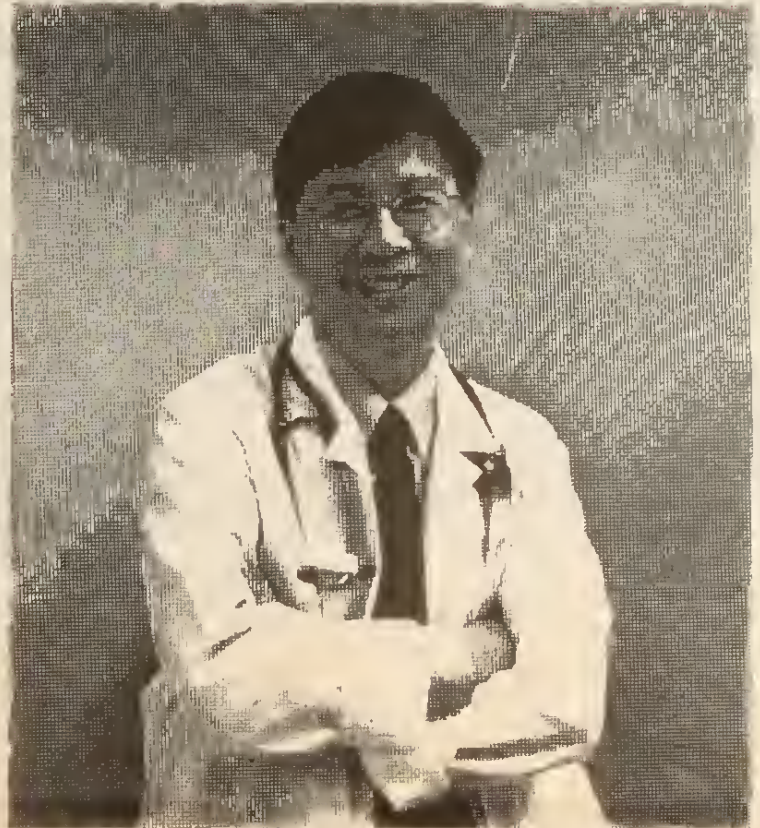
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Soz Who?

Match quotes to speakers

1. "When choosing between two evils, I always like to pick the one I never tried before."
2. "I find television very educational. Every time someone switches it on, I go into another room and read a good book."
3. "The less a man knows, the bigger the noise he makes and the higher the salary he commands."
4. "I don't know jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts."
5. "Too bad all the people who know how to run the country are busy driving taxicabs and cutting hair."
6. "I'm trusting in the Lord and a

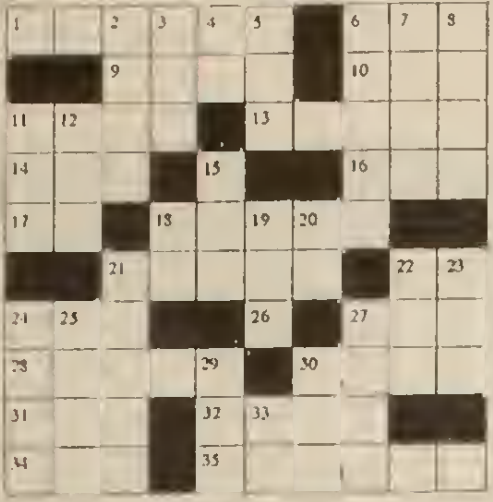
- good lawyer."
7. "Either I've found a rope, or I've lost a horse."
8. "Man consists of two parts, his mind and his body, only the body has more fun."
9. "My doctor gave me six months to live, but when I couldn't pay the bill he gave me six months more."

- A. George Burns
B. Woody Allen
C. Ed Wynn
D. Mark Twain
E. Mae West
F. Walter Matthau
G. Oliver North
H. Groucho Marx
I. Will Rogers

Answers: 1-E, 2-H, 3-D, 4-I, 5-A, 6-G, 7-C, 8-B, 9-F

Grapevine Crossword

- ACROSS
1. Fix
6. Also
9. Excursion
10. Haw
11. Mix
13. Fasts
14. Direct
16. Question
17. Promissory Note
18. Plated
21. Simpson
22. Present
24. Seed
26. Mr.
27. Single
28. World
30. Bided
31. Do
32. Small
34. If
35. Celebrities
- DOWN
2. Proper
3. Oxygen
4. License
5. Hots
6. Advanced
7. Webs
8. Lecture
11. Fluid
12. Metal
15. Blur
18. For
19. Allow
20. Emergency Room
21. Bret
22. Also
23. Mound
24. Turf
25. Every
27. Rowers
29. Fervid
33. Snake
33. Accomplish



This Month in S.F. History

- AUGUST
1: In 1849, John W. Geary became San Francisco's last American alcalde. One year later, the former local postmaster, who had served as a colonel in the Mexican-American war, became the City's first mayor. In 1881, a U.S. Quarantine Station was authorized for Angel Island. In 1961, the new Hall of Justice at 850 Bryant St. was opened.
2: In 1873, Andrew S. Hallidie operated the first of his cable cars down the steep Clay St. hill, completing the six-block trial run between Jones and Kearney Sts. In 1923, President Warren G. Harding, having become ill at Grants Pass, Oregon during a tour of the western United States, died at the Palace Hotel.
3: In 1859, the S.F. Evening Picayune, the first evening newspaper on the Pacific Coast, commenced publication by Dr. J.H. Gihon & Co. at six cents an issue.
6: In 1866, an eight-hour work day was demanded by striking City plasterers.
8: In 1870, a contract for a preliminary topographical survey was awarded to W.H. Hall in the designing of Golden Gate Park.
10: In 1973, the first BART train traveled through the transbay tube under the S.F. Bay to the new subway station at Montgomery St.
11: In 1930, a minimum clearance of 220 feet was established by the War Dept. for mid-span construction of the Golden Gate Bridge, with clearance at both piers set at 210 feet.
15: In 1901, 30 tons of explosives destroyed the hazardous Arch Rock situated in S.F. Bay. In 1914, Muni began op-

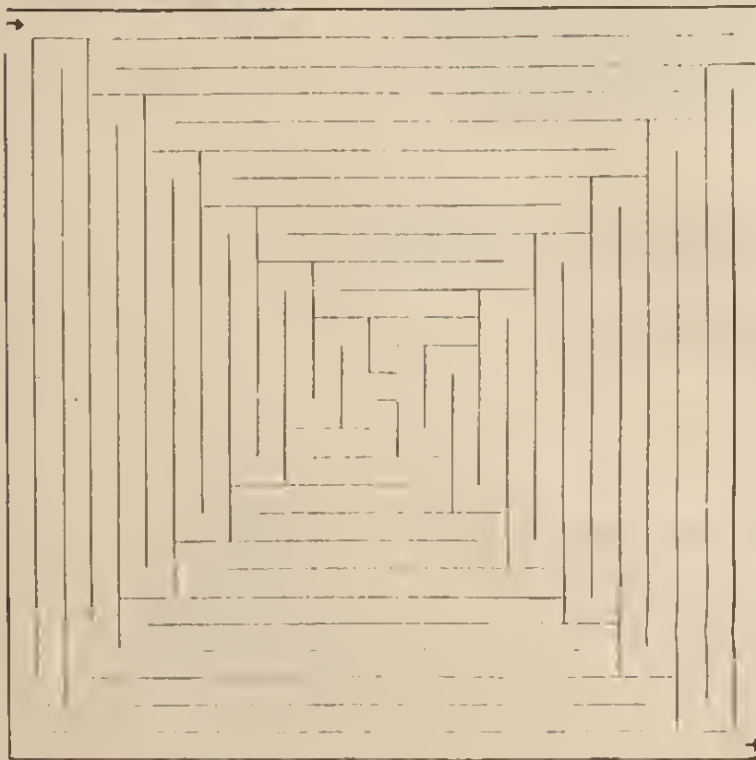
- erating streetcars on its new H-Van Ness route, later to become the 47 Potrero.
16: In 1860, 60 acres of Lone Mountain were purchased by Archbishop Joseph Alemany to become part of the Calvary Cemetery, consecrated two years later on August 17.
18: In 1856, the Vigilance Committee held a large general review and parade to mark suspension of its operations. More than 3,000 men had served in its forces. In 1903, the maiden flight of Dr. A. Creth's experimental dirigible was made over the City.
20: In 1956, the Republican National Convention opened at the Cow Palace, to again nominate President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Vice President Richard M. Nixon for eventual victories in the November election.
22: In 1869, the City's first railroad freight, a varied assortment of footwear, arrived from Boston in just 16 days. In 1899, the first wireless telegraph transmission to be received in the U.S. was sent from the S.F. lightship to a station inside the Cliff House.
24: In 1893, ground was broken for the S.F. Mid-Winter Fair in Golden Gate Park.
29: In 1914, the Arizona became the first ship to arrive in S.F. Bay via the newly completed Panama Canal. In 1954, the reconstructed S.F. International Air port was opened.
31: In 1851, the clipper ship Flying Cloud, piloted by Capt. Cressy and carrying varied merchandise, set a long-standing sailing record of 89 days - surpassed only several years ago - from New York to S.F. traveling around Cape Horn.

School Volunteers to Hold Recruitment Fair

In an effort to build public support enthusiasm for volunteering in the City's public schools, San Francisco School Volunteers (SFSV) and a local radio station will sponsor a Volunteer

Recruitment Fair from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Aug. 28 at Justin Herman Plaza. This event will highlight the many opportunities available in public schools throughout the City's neighborhoods.
From 12 noon to 1 p.m., SFSV will be joined by local radio personalities to promote excellence in education through community involvement.

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Sari Begawan	Israel	Laos	Muscat	Taiwan	Yemen
Cambodia	Tel Aviv		Pakistan	Taipei	Sanaa
Phnom Penh					



Historic Proportions

Match clues to answers

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1. On September 26, they loaded up the truck and-a moved to Beverly Hills, that is.
2. He was dealt a fatal knockout March 17 at Madison Square Garden on national TV during ABC's Fight of the Week.
3. National League pennant winners.
4. But they won the World Series.
5. On March 2, he became the only NBA star to score 100 points in a single game.
6. Spying became popular with this first of many James Bond films.
7. He began stomping around the comics in May.
8. As Casey said, this year they were truly amaz-in'.
9. Long before "one small step for man," NASA cracked this thing into the moon on April 26.
10. This best-selling toy operated

- with a light bulb.
11. On February 20, he was in orbit around Earth.
12. He left his heart in San Francisco with this Record of the Year.
13. This contraption helped put satellite television on the map.
14. This country could finally rule itself on July 3.
15. On October 16, just one more bad thing pointed in our direction.
16. Voted Best Picture this year at the Academy Awards. "Boy, boy, crazy boy..."
17. Just another fad dance.
18. And just another follicle-raising hairdo.
A. Easy-Bake Oven
B. Telstar
C. New York Mets
D. The Hulk
E. Watasi
F. Kid Parot
G. Cuban Missile Crisis
H. John Glenn
I. Wilt Chamberlin
J. Bouffant
K. Dr. No
L. Algeria
M. Ranger IV

- N. West Side Story
O. Tony Bennett
P. New York Yankees
Q. Beverly Hillbillies
R. San Francisco Giants

FIVE YEARS AGO IN THE GRAPEVINE

AUGUST 1992
*John Stewart Company was selected by HUD to manage the overall operations of Geneva Towers and to coordinate and oversee the rehabilitation and improvement of the total development.
*Marquis Associates was also selected through a competitive process as architect to develop a conceptual future master plan for Geneva Towers.
*El Dorado Neighborhood Betterment Council held its first-ever barbecue on a sunny afternoon on June 27.
*Commander James Arnold of both Potrero and Ingleside police stations announced expansion of the CPOP program into Sunnydale.

Famous Birthdays

- SEPTEMBER
1: Edgar Rice Burroughs (1875); Yvonne DeCarlo (1922); John Entwistle (1944); Gloria Estefan (1958); Ian Fleming (1888); Barry Gibb (1946); Rocky Marciano (1924); Edmund O'Brien (1915); Raymond Scott (1909); Lily Tomlin (1939); Conway Twitty (1933); Don Wilson (1900)
2: Terry Bradshaw (1948); Jimmy Connors (1952); Eric Dickerson (1960); Gogi Grant (1924); Mark Harmon (1951); Linda Purl (1955); Keanu Reeves (1964); Joe Simon (1943)
3: Anne Jackson (1926); Kitty Carlisle (1915); Al Jardine (1942); Alan Ladd (1913); Rula Lenska (1947); Valerie Perrine (1943); Charlie Sheen (1965); Hank Thompson (1925); Mort Walker (1923)
4: Richard Castellano (1934); Mitzi Gaynor (1931); Paul Harvey (1918); Howard Morris (1919); Jennifer Salt (1944); Dick York (1928)
5: William Devane (1937); Cathy Guisewite (1950); Carol Lawrence (1935); Buddy Miles (1946); Bob Newhart (1929); Will Rogers (1879); Raquel Welch (1940)
6: Jane Addams (1860); Lynne Anderson (1947); Jane Curtin (1947); Joseph Kennedy (1880); Jo Anne Worley (1937)
7: Buddy Holly (1936); Christie Hynde (1951); Julie Kavner (1951); Eliza Kazan (1909); John Phillip Law (1937); Sonny Rollins (1930);

- Richard Roundtree (1942)
8: Sid Caesar (1922); Patsy Cline (1932); Verna Lisi (1937); Freddie Mercury (1946); Peter Sellers (1925); Robert A. Taft (1889)
9: Angela Cartwright (1952); Jimmy the Greek (1919); Michael Keaton (1951); Sylvia Miles (1932); Kristy McNichol (1962); Billy Preston (1946); Otis Redding (1941); Cliff Robertson (1925); Colonel Harlan Sanders (1890); Roger Waters (1944)
10: Jose Feliciano (1945); Charles Kuralt (1934); Roger Mee (1934); Arnold Palmer (1929); Fay Wray (1907)
11: Harry Connick, Jr. (1967); Cathryn Damon (1931); Lola Falana (1946); O. Henry (1862); Earl Holliman (1928); Hrdy Lamarr (1913); Tom Landry (1924); D.H. Lawrence (1883)
12: Maurice Chevalier (1888); Billy Gilbert (1894); Linda Gray (1941); Margaret Hamilton (1902); Ian Holm (1931); George Jones (1931); Dickie Moore (1925); Maria Muldaur (1943); Peter Onorati (1954); Barry White (1944)
13: Jacqueline Bisset (1944); Claudette Colbert (1905); Gladys George (1904); Walter Reed (1851); Mel Torme (1925)
14: Walter Koenig (1936); Clayton Moore (1914); Sam Neill (1947); Ivan Pavlov (1849)
15: Jackie Cooper (1921); Norm Crosby (1927); Tommy Lee Jones (1946); Merlin Olsen (1940); Penny Singleton (1908); Oliver Stone (1946); William Howard Taft (1857)

- 16: Lauren Bacall (1924); Peter Falk (1927); Anne Francis (1930); Allen Funt (1914); Linda Henning (1944); Kenny Jones (1943); B.B. King (1925); Janis Paige (1922)
17: Anne Bancroft (1931); Elvira (1951); Gabriel Heatter (1890); Roddy McDowall (1928); John Ritter (1948); Fee Waybill (1950)
18: Frankie Avalon (1939); Robert Blake (1938); Greta Garbo (1905); Jimmy Rodgers (1933); Jack Warden (1920)
19: Ray Danton (1931); Joan Lunden (1951); David McCallum (1933); Twiggy (1946); Adam West (1928); Paul Williams (1940)
20: Gary Cole (1957); Sophia Loren (1934)
21: Leonard Cohen (1934); Don Felder (1947); Henry Gibson (1935); Larry Hagman (1931); Stephen King (1947); Bill Murray (1950); H.G. Wells (1866)
22: Scott Baio (1961); Shari Belafonte (1954); Debby Boone (1956); John Houseman (1902); Joan Jett (1960); Paul Muni (1895)
23: Ray Charles (1930); Betsy Drake (1923); Euripides (480); Julio Iglesias (1943); Ben E. King (1938); Walter Lippman (1880); Paul Peterson (1945); Walter Pidgeon (1898); Mo'Nique (1950); Bruce Springsteen (1949)
24: Phil Hartman (1948); Jim Henson (1936); Sheila MacRae (1923); Gerry Marsden (1942); Linda McCartney (1942); Anthony Newley (1931)
25: Michael Douglas (1944); William Faulkner (1897); Mark

- Hamill (1952); Heather Locklear (1961); Juliet Prowse (1936); Aldo Ray (1926); Christopher Reeve (1952); Phil Rizzuto (1918); Cheryl Tiegs (1947); Robert Walden (1943); Barbara Walters (1931)
26: Melissa Sue Anderson (1962); Donna Douglas (1939); T.S. Elliot (1898); George Farnie (1943); Brian Ferry (1945); George Gershwin (1898); Edmund Gwenn (1923); Linda Hamilton (1956); William Hurt (1950); Julie London (1926); Winnie Mandela (1934); Keni McCord (1942); Olivia Newton-John (1948); Ed Sullivan (1902); William Windom (1923)
27: Randy Bachman (1943); Wilford Brimley (1934); William Conrad (1920); Jayne Meadows (1926); Meat Loaf (1947); Greg Morris (1934)
28: Brigitte Bardot (1934); Al Capp (1909); Peter Finch (1916); Ben E. King (1938); Marcello Mastroianni (1923); William Paley (1901); Helen Shapiro (1946); Ed Sullivan (1902); William Windom (1923)
29: Gene Autry (1907); Virginia Bruce (1910); Anita Ekberg (1931); Mark Farmer (1948); Bryant Gumbel (1948); Madeline Kahn (1942); Deborah Kerr (1921); Stanley Kramer (1913); Jerry Lee Lewis (1935); Lech Walesa (1943)
30: Anne Dickinson (1931); Deborah Kerr (1921); Frankie Lyman (1942); Johnny Mathis (1935); Victoria Tennant (1950); Barry Williams (1954)

CITY MEETINGS: Aging-1st Wed 9:30 am, Airport-1st & 3rd Tu 3 pm, Arts-1st Mon 3 pm, Education-2nd/4th Tu 7 pm, Health-1st/3rd Tu 3 pm, Housing Authority-2nd/4th Th 4 pm, Human Rights-1st/3rd Th 4:30 pm, Library-1st Tu 5:30 pm, Planning-Th 1:30 pm, Police-Wed 5:30 pm, Port-1st Tu/3rd Wed 4:30 pm, Public Utilities-2nd/4th Tu 2 pm, Rec and Park-3rd Th 2 pm, Social Services-4th Th 9:30 am, Status of Women-4th Th 4pm, Supervisors-Mon 2 pm.

Next Task Force Meeting
August 23, 10:30 a.m.
50 Raymond Avenue

3	4 11:30am VVCC Seniors Shopping Day	5 12:30pm VVCC Senior Bingo	6	7 11:00am VVCC Senior Council Meeting 7:00pm ROSES meeting	8 12:00pm VVCC Seniors - Painting Classes	9
10	11 11:30am VVCC Seniors Shopping Day	12 12:30pm VVCC Senior Bingo 4:30pm Sunnylink Tenant's Meet 7:00pm El Dorado N B C Meeting	13 6:00pm Executive Park Advisory Committee	14	15 12:00pm VVCC Seniors - Painting Classes	16 10:00am Friends of McLaren Park 10:30am VV Task Force Safety Committee
17	18 11:30am VVCC Seniors Shopping Day	19 12:30pm VVCC Senior Bingo 3:30pm Vis Valley Neighborhood Collaborative meets	20	21 3:00pm Beacon Council meets at VVMS	22 12:00pm VVCC Seniors - Painting Classes	23 10:30am Vis Valley Task Force at 50 Raymond
24 31	25 11:30am VVCC Seniors Shopping Day	26 12:30pm VVCC Senior Bingo 4:00pm VVCC Board Meeting	27	28 9:00am 1/2/24 Supplies Food Distribution Day at VVCC	29 12:00pm VVCC Seniors - Painting Classes	30

Task Force Makes Nominations with Election to be Held On August 23

Visitation Valley Task Force (VVTF) nominated five of its members to hold office during a regular meeting on July 26 at the Visitation Valley Community Center.

Nominations will remain open until the next VVTF meeting August 23, when the organization will hold its first election. Officers will serve shortened

terms which will run through June 30, 1999, the length of terms approved by the members and amended to the by-laws.

Members also approved dividing the secretary/treasurer's position into two offices.

Nominated for office are: *Chair:* Joel Tate; *Vice Chair:* Don Bertone; *Treasurer:* John King; *Secretary:* Bill Threadgill; and *Parliamentarian:* Anne Williams.

NEW VVTF MEMBERS

Three new members joined the VVTF ranks July 26. They include: Rita Adrian, Dennis Hicks and Bill Threadgill.

ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY

A contract extension of six months was approved by VVTF members for new Enterprise Community outreach worker Georgette Allen, who will be based at the *Village* on Schwerin Street.

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Demolition Petition

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tural supports so a building will properly collapse once the charges are detonated. Gravity and weight, said Santoro, are important factors in making a building fall downward.

Many examples were witnessed as those in attendance watched a breathtaking video of various buildings being demolished by implosion with ad-

Moving to Live

As little as one long walk a week can make a difference in how long you live. A new study reported in the April 23, 1997 issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* definitely showed that older women who are physically active tend to outlive sedentary women. Better yet, the more women exercise, either in frequency or activity level, the greater the health benefits.

The seven year study at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health looked at 40,000 post-menopausal women in Iowa. Women who participated in moderate activity, such as gardening or walking four or more times a week, were 33 percent less likely to die from any cause than women who engaged in no physical activity. Once a week activity cut the risk of death by 12 percent, and vigorous activity like swimming or aerobics appeared to afford even greater benefit.

This study parallels findings from studies in men, younger adults of both sexes and smaller studies of older women.

joining structures as close as 10 feet away surviving virtually unscathed.

Santoro also explained that problems associated with recently publicized implosions were mostly due to a lack of preparation or not enough experience in building demolition.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitation Valley Beacon is a community collaborative of enrichment, recreational, social and academic services for youth and families in Visitation Valley.

Community Advocate: The Community Advocate serves as an outreach worker and liaison between the Beacon and school or community agencies, groups and programs. This position will need to provide some written and verbal translation, attend community meetings and events to network and outreach; be a liaison between families and service agencies. Possible projects include soliciting donations from community businesses and assisting in developing our parent resource center and volunteer programs. Qualifications: Must be bilingual in English and Spanish, Cantonese or Mandarin; college degree or equivalent experience in community advocacy or youth programming; excellent organizational, computer and communication skills. Demonstrated ability to be a team player and self-starter; substantial experience working with community organizations and/or schools. May be full or part time. Range \$22-25,000, includes benefits.

Program Assistant: The Program Assistant is responsible for data collection, reports, office management, internal financial protocols and communication systems. The Program Assistant supports programming by managing supplies, data entry, equipment, program reports, fliers and schedules, office management and special projects as assigned by the Beacon director. Qualifications: Must have office experience with strong computer, communication and organizational skills, be a team player and self starter, experience working with community organizations and/or schools. Bilingual a plus. Range \$25-28,000, includes benefits.

Please mail cover letter and resume to VVCC Job Search, 450 Raymond Ave., #101, San Francisco, CA 94134; or fax to (415) 452-4910.

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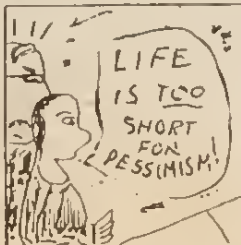
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ImplosionQuestions And Answers

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which many people claim to feel is not actually vibration created from falling debris, but from this air-blast. This sensation is enhanced by the noise you hear simultaneously with your visual perception of the building collapsing. The *actual* ground vibration caused is imperceptible. In fact, studies have shown that the ground vibration caused by a passing truck on the road is greater than that generated by an implosion.

Each of these sensations are very minimal individually; however, the combination of all three (3) can *seem* more powerful.

Q: What is the blast perimeter?

A: We won't have the answer to this question until after we make a detailed field structural survey of the two buildings to be imploded to compare the design plans to *actual* on site conditions. Then, through a carefully, controlled, step-by-step process, we will determine the area which has to be cleared to *absolutely* guarantee the safety of *all* employees and residents. Based on prior experience, I would say that a 600 to 700-foot radius will be cleared around the buildings to ensure absolute control of the safety perimeter during the actual detonation of the demolition charges. In our history of public housing implosion, we have never had any kind of problem as respects to the injury of bystanders.

Q: Will the dust affect my breathing? My asthma?

A: We are always aware of and concerned with the impact of dust on residents who might have respiratory problems. First and foremost, we try to see that these residents are put in a position upwind during the implosion. In other words, if the wind is blowing out of the east to the west, we would like you to be on the east side of the structure, so that the dust blows away from you. If you are in an area where you do not have to evacuate your structure, it is usually more than adequate to close windows and doors to keep dust out. If there is any question about the effect

of masonry dust on your specific respiratory ailment, you should consult your physician accordingly.

Q: Will I need to board up my windows? Will windows break?

A: We do not anticipate any damage to windows as a result of CDI's operations. No *special effort* will need to be made on the part of any resident or shop owner adjacent to the site. If CDI does elect to place any protection on adjacent properties, it will be erected and removed by CDI at CDI's expense.

Q: Who will pay for damages should there be any?

A: Damage to adjacent structures is highly unlikely. If it were demonstrated that damage to a structure was, in fact, the direct and immediate result of the implosion, CDI would pay to have such damage repaired. A detailed survey will be conducted and photographs will be taken of adjacent properties prior to, and immediately following the implosion. These two inspections will promptly identify any problems which may have been caused by the implosion. We expect *no damage*, but feel these pre and post implosion inspections are warranted.

Q: Will the implosion affect other utilities, gas lines, water lines, electrical services, during and after the implosion?

A: No. There will be no adverse affect on any of these utility services as a result of implosion operations.

Q: How successful is CDI in doing implosions?

A: Implosion technology was founded by Jack Loizeaux, father of Mark and Doug Loizeaux who currently operate CDI internationally. Starting in the 1950s, Jack began taking down buildings with explosives in a very controlled fashion. He received numerous international awards for his innovative technology. The work of Jack, Mark and Doug has been called "The Art of Demolition" by well-respected industry leaders worldwide.

CDI has taken down literally thousands of structures on all six continents. They have taken down structures as tall as 31 stories and as large as 10 million cubic feet in a single implosion se-

quence. CDI's track record is virtually perfect, without any record of injury to workmen or to the public during implosion operations. CDI is accustomed to working in highly congested urban areas including public housing facilities in this country, France and England. CDI's safety and success records are unparalleled in the industry.

Q: What type of device is being used?

A: CDI will be using very small demolition charges, placed inside holes which will be drilled into the support columns of each structure on several floors. These small charges will be set off by detonators which have individual internal timing controls. Once *the button is pushed*, all the charges will detonate at an interval predetermined by CDI's demolition plan. The detonators will be controlled from a command post which will be set up several hundred feet from the buildings themselves.

Q: What will happen the day of the implosion? Will I be evacuated? For how long?

A: Evacuation of residents is something that we try to avoid, so long as we can guarantee their absolute safety. In the event that you live in an area which CDI determines to be vacated it will be for a very short period of time. The security perimeter as ground level will be closed down for 2-1/2 to 3 hours prior to the scheduled implosion time. Care will then be taken to see that any persons who have to be temporarily vacated are out of their dwellings. The relocation of these persons will be for as limited period of time as possible and an appropriate location will be selected for their comfort during the brief inconvenience. If you were that person, you would probably have to leave an hour before the implosion, and would be able to re-enter your home within one-half hour following the implosion.

Q: How will the implosion affect the nearby homes within the development and/or surrounding streets?

A: The most obvious impact will be the fact that the area will be temporarily cleared within the safety perimeter during the implosion. We will ask residents and shop owners within that

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市政府要請拆 GENEVA TOWER, 有兩種方法要居民考慮。

(一) 鐵球：利用一個大鐵球破毀樓宇。大約要八個月時間。

(二) 炸藥方式(由外向內的壓力)除了準備工作和安全問題。數秒鐘就可了。

以上兩種方法請各位訪谷市民考慮。此事將在八月底決定。

This letter is about the Geneva Towers demolition project and the two choices of demolition: wrecking ball or implosion.

Translation: Victor Pedruco

vicinity to close their windows, turn off air conditioning units or other air intakes, place plastic sheeting over louvers or vents in their buildings and take other general precautions to ensure that dust doesn't enter their structures. Dust is the main byproduct of all types of demolition which affects adjacent properties. Noise and vibration levels will be below those as limited by law and will be well below levels that would cause any type of damage, even to older, and possibly poorly maintained structures.

Q: How far will the dust travel?

A: First of all, it's important to point out that the *same* quantity of dust will be created by the implosion as would be the case by demolition. The *advantage* of implosion is that the dust is created *at one time* and at a *predetermined time*. In other words, we can all plan for the dust and deal with it accordingly.

The distance the dust travels is entirely contingent on the direction and speed of the wind at that time. If it were an absolutely still day, the dust wouldn't go more than one-half block. On a windy day, the dust can travel much farther. Most of the heavy dust particles fall out of the air within a few hundred feet, while finer particles can travel a greater distance.



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